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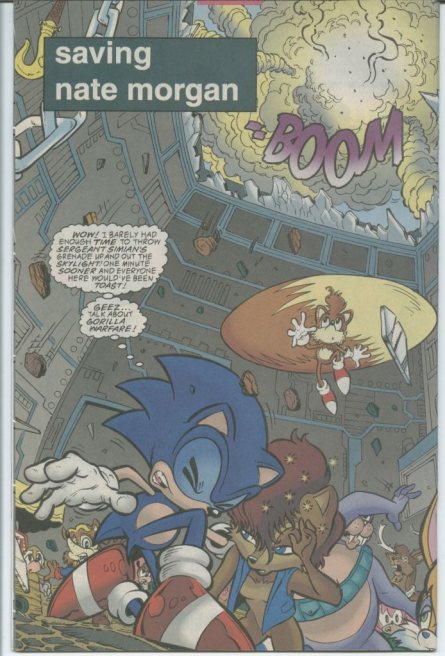
THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO Banded TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND -- AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!



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saving nate morgan

WOW! I BARELY HAD
ENOUGH TIME TO THROW
SERGEANT SIMIAN'S
GRENADE UP AND OUT THE
SKYLIGHT! ONE MINUTE
SOONER AND EVERYONE
HERE WOULD'VE BEEN
TOAST!

GEEZ...
TALK ABOUT
GORILLA
WARFARE!

BOOM



SURE, SONIC...
EXCEPT FOR THAT
AREA AT THE BACK OF
NECK WHERE NACK
(THAT NO-GOOD WEASEL)
WHACKED ME.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT,
PRINCESS SALLY?

*see last issue - JF6



HOW ABOUT EVERYONE
ELSE? TAILS... ROTOR...
BUNNIE... ANTOINE...
AMY ROSE... ARE YOU
ALL OKAY?

ONLY OUR
PRIDE WAS HURT
IN THAT THERE
RUCKUS! SUGAR-
HOG! JUST WAIT 'LL
I GET MY HANDS ON
THAT WEB-SPINNIN'
ARACHNIS!

DO NOT FRET, BUNNIE--
SHE IS SURE TO BE RE-
CEIVING AN UP-COMEANCE!

* Also last ish.



THOSE CRIMINALS ARE
GONNA GET WHAT'S COMIN'
TO 'EM--NO WAY IS ANYBODY
GONNA JUST WALTZ IN HERE
AND KIDNAP A FRIEND O'
MINE!

THERE'S NO TELLIN'
WHAT THOSE NO-GOOD-
NIKS'LL DO TO POOR
NATE IF THEY--



WHOCARES
WHAT THEY DO
TO HIM?! JUST
LOOK AT THIS
PLACE--MY
HUSBAND AND
I PUT OUR
SWEAT AND
TEARS INTO
THIS JUICE
BAR--

--AND NOW LOOK!
IT'S COMPLETELY
DEMOLISHED!



BUT IT WASN'T NATE'S
FAULT! DON'T YOU UNDER-
STAND? HIS SCIENTIFIC
SKILLS MAKE HIM A TOP
SECRET INGREDIENT OR
SOMETHIN'--EVERYBODY
WANTS TO GET A HOLD
OF HIM!

TELL IT
TO THE
SECRET
SERVICE!



WE'LL HAVE TO
DO ONE BETTER THAN
THAT AND TELL YOUR
DAD, SALLY!

YOU SAID
IT, SONIC! NEXT
STOP--



-- CASTLE
ACORN!

MY APOLOGIES ONCE AGAIN,
SIRE, BUT NOTHING HAS CHANGED
SINCE LAST WE SPOKE -- THE TWO
SHUTTLE-CRAFTS FOUND IN CLOSE
PROXIMITY TO THE DEVIL'S ISLAND
GULAG WERE INDEED EMPTY...

...LEADING ME TO BELIEVE
THAT THE ESCAPED PRISONERS
PERISHED IN THE AREA'S
BOILING OCEANS!

A TRAGIC END
TO A TRAGIC TALE,
GEOFFREY...



DAD!



SALLY-- WHAT IS IT?
WHAT'S WRONG?

IT'S NATE-- HE'S
BEEN KIDNAPPED!

K-KIDNAPPED?
BY WHOM?

SNIVELY.

HE ALONG WITH KODOS,
PREDATOR HAWK, DRAGO,
LIGHTNING LYNX, FLYING FROG
AND JUST ABOUT ANYBODY WHO
SHARED A CELL AT THE DEVIL'S
ISLAND GULAG GOT US ALL
PRETTY GOOD."

*Again last issue - JFG

IMPOSSIBLE I SAY--THERE IS NO WAY THAT THEY COULD HAVE BEEN THE ATTACKERS! MY AGENTS AND I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM THERE!

THEN THEY WERE SHAPE-SHIFTERS... OR EVIL-DOUBLES... OR CLONES--WHATEVER! CAN I TALK TO SOMEBODY WITH SOME AUTHORITY AROUND HERE?

'CUZ THE GOON SQUAD'S ON THE LOOSE AND THEY'VE GOT MY FRIEND!

BUT, SONIC, NOW COULD THE KIDNAPPERS BE THE ESCAPED PRISONERS WHEN THEIR SHUTTLE-CRAFTS WERE FOUND A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE GULAG? HOW COULD THEY POSSIBLY HAVE MADE THE TREK BACK TO MOBOTROPOLIS IN SUCH RECORD TIME?

MAYBE I CAN PROVIDE THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION!

DOCTOR QUACK!

NONE OTHER... SEVERAL OF THE MALNOURISHED PRISON GUARDS, PLACED IN THE LOCK-UP BY SNIVELY'S CREW--

--HAVE REGAINED THEIR STRENGTH ENOUGH TO INFORM ME OF A THIRD MISSING SHUTTLE-CRAFT.

OKAY-- SO THEY'VE GOT A SET O' WINGS! THE NUMERO UNO QUESTION STILL ON MY MIND IS WHERE THOSE NO-GOODNIKS TOOK NATE!

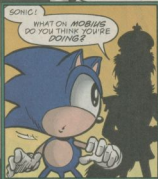
WELL...I MAY NOT HAVE A RELIABLE SOURCE LIKE THE GOOD DOCTOR BUT I DO HAVE A MAP OF THE PLANET AT MY DISPOSAL...

...AND ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE A LONGSHOT PERHAPS THE FELONS FLED NO FURTHER THAN THE LAND MASS CLOSEST TO DEVIL'S ISLAND!



OF COURSE...THE OL' HIDIN' IN PLAIN SIGHT ROUTINE! NICE JOB, PRINCE ELIAS!

ALL RIGHT, FREEDOM FIGHTERS-- ARE WE READY TO JUICE OR WHAT?



SONIC!

WHAT ON MOBIUS DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?



THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER! THE KINGDOM OF ACORN IS NO LONGER AT WAR --IT NO LONGER EXPECTS CHILDREN TO TAKE UP ARMS AGAINST ITS ENEMIES.

THE INCARCERATION OF SNIVELY'S RENEGADES AND THE RETRIEVAL OF MATE MORGAN WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY MY OWN SECRET SERVICE --LED BY NONE OTHER THAN COMMANDER GEOFFREY ST. JOHN.



WHAT?

DADDY-- YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

WE'VE TACKLED THOSE CREEPS NO SWEAT! WE'VE DONE IT BEFORE FOR YEARS!



THEN HOW DID THEY MANAGE TO GET THE JUMP ON YOU EARLIER? AS MUCH AS IT PAINS ME TO SAY IT...

...THE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, AS OF THIS MOMENT, ARE OFFICIALLY DISBANDED!

ST. JOHN?

AT ONCE, MY LEIGE! HERSHEY... VALDEZ... WOMBAT 5TH... HEAVY... BOMB...

...LET'S GO!



MANY HOURS LATER, A ROYAL SUBMARINE (CREATED FROM LEFTOVER SCRAP METAL) EMERGES FROM THE LUKEWARM DEPTHS OFF THE COAST OF BIG KAHUNA ISLAND.

OKAY, AGENTS, THIS IS OUR MOMENT OF TRUTH-- WE'LL BE FACING OFF AGAINST SOME MIGHTY TOUGH CUSTOMERS AND THEY'RE RIGHT AHEAD OF US...

...IN WEST ROBOTROPOLIS, A CITY THAT'S BEEN DESERTED SINCE THE FALL OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK.

IT'S THE PERFECT HIDING PLACE FOR SNIVELY AND HIS BAND OF ROGUES!

RUMOR HAS IT THAT ROBOTNIK WAS USING THE CITY AND THE SURROUNDING ISLAND AS A TESTING GROUND FOR EXPERIMENTS OF A SECRET NATURE. IT ONLY MAKES SENSE THAT...

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HOLD THAT THOUGHT.



AT THE RISK
OF SOUNDING CLICHE
--Uhh... WHAT TOOK
YOU SO LONG?

YOU'VE
ABSOLUTELY NO
BUSINESS ON
BIG KAHUNA,
HEDGEHOG!

YOU ARE IN VIOLA-
TION OF A DIRECT
ORDER FROM KING
ACORN!--CAPTURING
ESCAPED PRISONERS
IS A JOB FOR SEASONED
PROFESSIONALS
ONLY!



WHY, YOU'RE
JUST A KID!

SAVE IT, ST. JOHN--I'M SIX-
TEEN! SURE, KING MAX DIS-
BANDED THE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS...



...SO THAT'S
WHY I'M
HERE AS A
FREE
AGENT!

ELSEWHERE IN
WEST ROBOTROPOLIS...



YOU'RE MAKING
THIS SO UN-
COMFORTABLE
FOR US, MISTER
MORGAN...



Oh, REALLY?



YES...I'D FEEL SO
MUCH BETTER IF YOU
WOULD AGREE TO PRO-
VIDE YOUR SERVICES TO
MY COHORTS AND ME!

WHAT
DO YOU SAY,
Hm?

AND...

I'M TELLING YOU, SONIC-- IF YOU HOPE TO BE PART OF THIS MISSION, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO BE A TEAM PLAYER!

WELL, Y'KNOW THERE WERE A LOT O' REASONS WHY WE CALLED OURSELVES THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, ST. JOHN-- BUT MAINLY IT WAS 'CUZ THERE WAS MORE THAN ONE OF US!

GRRROWVILL

?

WHERE'S THAT WEIRD SOUND COMING FROM?

COME ON, SONIC-- IT'S TIME TO SHAKE AND BAKE! WE'VE SPOTTED SOMETHING UP AHEAD!

WHH...
YEAH, SURE, HERSEY.

MOMENTS LATER...

IT'S THE SHUTTLE-CRAFT AND IT'S PARKED OUTSIDE OF THE OLD, ABANDONED COURT-HOUSE-- OUR QUARRY MUST LIE WITHIN!

LIKE, DUH.

RIGHT THEN, TROOPS-- LET'S GET THIS PLACE SUR-ROUNDED SO I CAN ORDER THESE ROUGHNECKS TO COME OUT WAVING THE WHITE FLAG!

ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE?

HE'S AN OVER-LANDER. I DON'T MUCH LIKE OVER-LANDERS, HEDGEHOGS, AND NEITHER SHOULD YOU--

THIS IS A BAD MOVE, ST. JOHN-- IF YOU GO THROUGH WITH THIS, POOR NATE'LL GRAD-NATE FROM KID-NAP VICTIM TO HOSTAGE!

--NOT AFTER WHAT THEY CAUSED TO BEFALL SALLY'S MUM-- QUEEN ALICIA-- DURING THE GREAT WAR.*

WHY BLAME NATE FOR THAT?

HE WASN'T EVEN AROUND FOR THE GREAT WAR-- I DOUBT HE EVEN KNOWS WHAT A 'GREAT WAR' IS, YOU DOOFUS!

* Read last ish and KNUCKLES # 20 for more details. -JF6

THAT DOES IT!

WHIRL!

NO-- THIS DOES!

K-TOK

YOU'LL SEE THAT I CAN GIVE AS GOOD AS I GET, SONIC!

WELL THEN MAYBE I'LL JUST HAVE TO GIVE A LITTLE MORE, HUH?

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ENOUGH!

YOU ARE BOTH CAPABLE COMBATANTS AND OPPONENTS WORTHY OF EACH OTHER, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T BE WASTING YOUR ENERGY DOING THIS--

--NOT WHEN IT CLEARLY JEOPARDIZES THE MISSION!

I HOLD THE HIGHEST RANK HERE SOLDIER--LET ME BE THE JUDGE OF THAT!

HOW DO YOU JUDGE THIS, COMMANDER?

INSIDE THE COURTHOUSE...

COME ON, MORGAN! JOIN US--OR ELSE!

I DIDN'T LIKE YOU BACK WHEN YOU WERE THE KINGDOM'S WARLORD, KODOS, AND I STILL DON'T LIKE YOU--I CHOOSE "OR ELSE!"

~GASP~

SON OF A KING (I MEAN GUN)!

OH, WELL--YOUR LOSS!

SAY, THAT'S ACTUALLY FUNNY!

SUDDENLY...

KER-RAKT

3...

?

FWUMP

2...

fizzle

CHARGE!



BACK AT BIG
KAHUNA ISLAND...



WHACKETTA
WHACKETTA
WHACKETTA

ATTABOY,
SONIC--LET
'IM HAVE
IT!



LESS...
GONE...
NIMB...

RUN!



HERE, NATE--LEMMIE
HELP YOU OUT OF THAT
CONTRAPTION!

THAT'S
MUSIC TO
MY EARS!

WATCH
THE FACE!



ELIAS!

SONIC!

YOU AND
NATE GET
TO A SAFE
PLACE--
PRONTO!

RUMMMMMBLLL

SUFFERIN'
SOLES--IT'S
AN EARTH-
QUAKE!

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KER BRACKT

IT RISES UP FROM BENEATH THE FLOOR OF THE OLD COURT-HOUSE-- A ROBOTIC, MULTI-LIMBED MONSTER--

--SHINY--
UGLY--

--AND MOST
OF ALL--

--DEADLY!

NO!

SONIC--
WAIT! PLEASE
DON'T LEAVE
ME! I BEG OF
YOU!

THAT CREATURE'S
GOT SNIVELY! I CAN'T
JUST ABANDON HIM--
EVEN IF HE IS ROBOTNIK'S
NO-GOOD NEPHEW!

BUT, SONIC--
LOOK!

IT ALSO
GLITCHED ONE OF
YOUR COMPANIONS!

3...2...1!

BOOM

WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED TO 'EM?

THEY'RE GONE--
EXPLODED! THE POOR
LITTLE GUY BLEW
HIS TOP!

NOT TO
WORRY, SONIC--

--BOMB CAN TAKE
A LICKIN' AND STILL
KEEP ON TICKIN'!



"WHOAH-- THERE'S MORE
THAN ONE OF HIM! HE'S
OKAY (NOW THAT'S WHAT I
CALL 'DA BOMB')!"

AND...

ALL RIGHT, THEN,
LET'S GET THE CHIEFS
ON THESE BLOKES AND
READY THEM FOR TRANS-
PORT BACK TO GULAG
ISLAND.

WELL, EVEN
THOUGH SOME
OF SNIVELY'S
BUNCH HAVE
ESCAPED
AMID THE
CONFUSION...

...THE OVERALL MISSION
HAS BEEN A SMASHING
SUCCESS!

I GUESS IT
WAS AFTER
ALL! SAY,
ST. JOHN, I'VE
GOT AN ADDED
TROPHY FOR
YOU TO TAKE
TO THE GULAG
--NONE OTHER
THAN THE
SCORGE OF
DOWNHINDA
--OL' CROC-
BOT
HIMSELF!*

CROC-
BOT?!
WHERE
IS HE?

DON'T SWEAT IT--I'VE
GOT HIS ROBOTIC REMAINS
STORED IN MY--

Read isn't it for the full scoop!



--BI-PLANE!?

OOSH,
THAT'S GOT
TO HURT!

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NEXT MONTH: PERHAPS THE
STRANGEST ISSUE OF ALL!

IT'S THE SAME
NIGHTMARE
OVER AND OVER.

STATUE OF IMITATIONS

I'M FLYING OVER
SANDBLAST CITY
WHEN, SUDDENLY,
MY BIPLANE
DISINTEGRATES.
LOCK, STOCK, AND
BARREL.

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I PLUMMET... AND PLUMMET... AND PLUMMET
STILL, FOR WHAT SEEMS LIKE HOURS...

...AGONIZING HOURS. THEN THE
CLOUDS CLEAR AND I SEE IT
BELOW ME. THE STATUE--

-- THE VERY
MONUMENT I
SHATTERED SO
TAILS AND I
COULD BREAK
THE FORCE
FIELD AND
ESCAPE OUR
CAPTORS. *

* ED. NOTE: BACK IN
ISSUE #63--JPG.

IT'S LAUGHING
AT ME.

THE CRUDDY
PIECE OF
CONCRETE IS
CACKLING
AWAY--

--MOCKING ME. DEGRADING ME. MAKING
ME QUESTION MY VERY EXISTENCE AS
I FACE ITS GAPING MOUTH.

THEN I WAKE UP IN A POOL OF SWEAT, HEART POUNDING, AND COMPLETELY DISHEVELED.

PROBLEM IS, SOMETHING HOLDS ME BACK. NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, I WAKE UP AT THE SAME POINT IN THE DREAM...



I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE DREAM MEANS, BUT I WANT IT TO END.



I NEVER MAKE IT INTO THE MOUTH OF THE STATUE, AS IF I'M AFRAID OF WHAT I'LL FIND ON THE OTHER SIDE...

SEE, IT'S BEEN ME ALL ALONG, BUT TONIGHT, I'M NOT GOING TO LET "ME" HOLD MYSELF BACK. TONIGHT, I FIND OUT HOW THE DREAM ENDS.



THAT'S RIGHT—I'M GOING IN. MIGHT BE THE BREAKTHROUGH I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR. OR MAYBE I'M JUST LITERALLY DIVING INTO THE MOUTH OF MADNESS...

WHAT A RUSH!

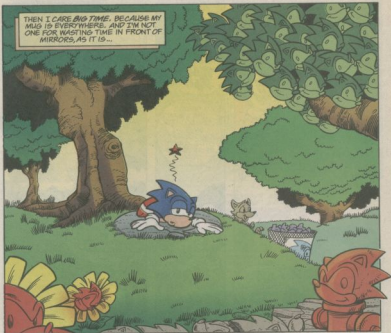


I'VE TAKEN THE PLUNGE—I DON'T KNOW WHERE I'M HEADED AND I DON'T CARE...



...UNTIL I HIT BOTTOM, THAT IS. THEN I CARE...

THEN I CARE *ANY* TIME. BECAUSE MY
MUG IS EVERYWHERE, AND I'M NOT
ONE FOR WASTING TIME IN FRONT OF
MIRRORS, AS IT IS ...



HEY, MISTAH--
YOU'RE NOT
WEARING A
T-SHIRT. YA' NEED
A SONIC T-SHIRT.
LET ME OUTFIT
YA' WITH ONE.
YA' GOTTA
PAY HOMAGE
TO OUR...

HE-HE-HERD!!!
OH MY... I-I CAN'T BELIEVE
IT--RIGHT HERE IN FRONT
OF ME...

HEY, DUDE,
CHILL--
I JUST...





WHAT
THE ? ...
THOSE--
THOSE
CLOUDS ?!

WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE...WHAT
IS THIS
PLACE ?
TELL ME !
TELL ME !

**TELL
ME !!**

HEY...
SONIC, MAN...
RELAX... IT'S
JUST...
OMIGOSH, I
STILL CAN'T
BELIEVE IT'S
YOU...



YOU'RE FINALLY HERE. THE
PROPHECIES WERE ~~TRUE~~—IT
WASN'T JUST LEGEND !

YOU ARE THE
HERO OF ALL HEROES--
TO BE CELEBRATED
ABOVE ALL !

ME ? ABOVE
ALL HEROES ? GET
REAL, THERE'S SO
MANY OTHERS MORE
WORTHY...

A TRUE
FREEDOM FIGHTER--
NOT JUST HEROIC,
BUT MODEST AS
WELL !



PLEASE, YOUR
BLUE BLISSNESS,
MAY I BE
HONORED WITH
YOUR AUTOGRAPH,
SIR ? ...



LOOK,
STOP
GAPING AT
ME LIKE A
STAR-
STRUCK
TEENYBOPPER
FOR A
MOMENT AND
EXPLAIN
THIS TO
ME--

--I'VE
NEVER BEEN
HERE BEFORE.
HOW DO YOU
PEOPLE EVEN
KNOW ABOUT
ME ?

YOUR ADVENTURES. THEY'RE
LEGENDARY. THEY'VE ALL
BEEN CHRONICLED...

... BY THE
SONIC ADVENTURE
ARCHIVISTS !
STEP INSIDE.



CAN'T I JUST TAKE
THE CONSOLATION PRIZE
BEHIND DOOR NUMBER THREE ?



**SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG
IS HERE!!**

YOUR ROYAL HEROSHIP, SIR... WE'RE SO SORRY... WE WERE JUST SO ENGROSSSED IN YOUR ADVENTURES... AS ALWAYS.

WE HAVE THEM ALL CATALOGUED, YOU KNOW. BUT WE CONSTANTLY REVIEW THEM TO MAKE SURE THERE'S NOTHING WE MISSED. THEY CAN GET PRETTY DEEP...



YEAH, YOU SHOULD HEAR OUR AFTERNOON TEA-TIME DISCUSSIONS. WE OFTEN DISAGREE ON THE MEANINGS OF YOUR ADVENTURES...

YEAH, LIKE WHY AREN'T YOU AND SALLY AN ITEM? YOU SHOULD BE TOGETHER, NOT APART. I DON'T LIKE IT! SONIC AND SALLY SHOULD BE TOGETHER!

I DON'T BUY THE BIT WHERE YOU REVIVED SALLY--SHE WOULD BE A STRONGER EMBLEM OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS' CAUSE AS A MARTYR!



QUIET! SALLY GOT WHAT ANYONE GETS...

--SHE GOT A LIFETIME! ONLY HERS WAS EXTENDED!

BUT WE DO AGREE ON ONE THING: YOU'RE OUR HERO, NO MATTER WHAT! WE LOVE YOU! YOU CAN DO NO WRONG!





SONIC-GRAMS



OFF PANEL



*A HEY, TRUE BLUE CREAM! WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN SONIC'S FIRST LINE OF HIS FINGER BIGHT? WHAT? I GET SPECIAL MENTION IF YOU WRITE US! --PRETTYBOY



*I HATE BEATITUDES EDITORS! NOTES!

by Gallagher & Manak

THIS JUST IN!

What's up, Hog & Knux fans? As you know, we get a lot of mail (and I do mean A LOT!!!) in the Sonic and Knuckles office every day. I'm not just talking about snail mail either, we receive hundreds of e-mails as well. Most talk about their interest in the book and what's going on in recent issues. Others ask so many questions, it can make your head spin right off like a top. And still many others discuss their collection and how to complete it by searching for the missing issues. The ones I want to discuss in this editorial are the ones for many of our freelance talent. There are many fans who want to write directly to them, specifically to the writers and artists who make our favorite characters come to life. Well, if you are one of those fans, here's how to do it. All you have to do is mail it to us, and we will gladly forward it to whomever you want to write to. Just simply send your letters to:

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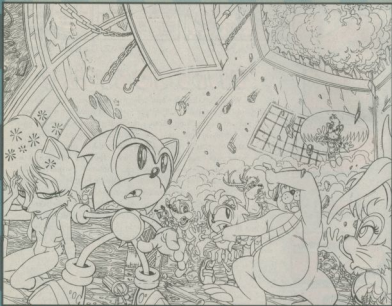
Catch you on the flip side!

P.S.: You don't want to miss the next issue! Nothing you can do will prepare you for this issue. As soon as you open up to the first page, you'll know that it is as strange as its cover. You've been warned.

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We interrupt this regularly scheduled letters page to bring you a bonus feature not normally seen: (The following is a double spread of the explosion scene after the first page. Unfortunately, there was one page too many for this month to support, so the decision was made to make this page into a splash instead. We just thought you might like to see what the page would've looked like had we had the room in its original penciled form. Enjoy!) We will now return you to this month's letters page already in progress which will make its appearance next month...



COMING ATTRACTIONS

In two weeks: Knuckles in chains? The Brotherhood — captured? Haven is under control of... The Dark Legion? Has everyone on The Floating Island gone mad? And all this is happening on the eve of elections, when the stakes are at their highest. Dimitri is one happy puppy. Check out the conclusion to the "Dark Alliance" story arc written by Ken Penders with guest art by Jim Valentino and Harvo!



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Next Month: We've billed it as the strangest issue of Sonic you will ever read! Why? It could be because it's a completely backwards issue. It has a lot to do with Knothole Village being in danger because it's three hours ahead. Just wait 'til you see what happens when Sonic tries to save it. Story by Karl Bollers with art by Steven Butler and Pam Eklund. Also: Tails and Amy visit the library. By Ken Penders, Art Mawhinney and Jim Amash!

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